

ORDINANCE NO., 1878

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE  
NO. 1652, PASSED AND APPROVED ON JUNE 26, 2006, TO  
ESTABLISH NEW SERVICE RATES FOR EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system was created in 1982 as a partnership between the cities of Alamo Heights, Olmos Park and Terrell Hills; and

WHEREAS, the system currently provides emergency medical services to over 15,000 residents and responds to approximately 900 calls for service annually; and

WHEREAS, Medicare has adopted new billing regulations which materially affect the billing practices of the Alamo Heights EMS so that it is necessary to revise EMS service rates; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to eliminate the fee for EMS responses that do not include the provision of medical aid or transport of the patient to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt service rates that are consistent with average service rates in the South Texas Regional Advisory Committee (STRAC).

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS, TEXAS** that the Alamo Heights Emergency Medical Service hereby adopts the following new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) service rates to be effective immediately upon the passage hereof:

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SERVICE RATE<sup>1</sup></b>
Responses Only	No fee
Response with Aid	\$166.00 plus consumables
Basic Life Support	\$750.00
Advanced Life Support I	\$850.00
Advanced Life Support II	\$1,050.00
Transport Fee per Mile	\$14.00

<sup>1</sup> Service rates include consumables unless noted.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2010.



MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
CITY ATTORNEY